

EAST AFR. PROT.

16287

100

1927



16287

Waleran, Lord

Date

1912

## MWELE FOREST CONCESSION

States agreeable to send out expert to select the 2,000 acres and to start work immediately but points out that this hardly seems desirable. Asks if it would not be more advisable to wait until the Govt can allot a substantial part of the area.

W. Read.

Sent Sir P. Grouard a copy of our letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> of Dec on Apr. of 1912 <sup>38733</sup> <sup>4000</sup> of this letter & enquire whether the Govt would yet be in a position to allot to Lord Waleran 2000 acres or a substantial portion of that area within the limits of the Mwele Forest Concession free of all native rights provided that it is understood that the Govt takes no responsibility as to the suitability of the soil for any particular kind of cultivation and

Subsequent Paper

1927

1927

Ans'd 16 Aug  
Copy sent to 521. 19 Aug 14

no obligations in respect of survey

Feb.

May 26

at once.

J.R.

28/IV

Mr. Buller

Remind Sir P. G. G. to write to Mr.

Chief  
3/5

Mr. Read.

I think we had now better address  
the same enquiry to Mr. O. A. G. sending  
a copy of Lord Waterman's letter & tell  
Lord Waterman that we had hoped to be  
able to get an answer to his enquiry from  
Sir P. G. G. but that as he has refused  
his appl. it is now necessary to consult  
the O. A. G.

Feb.

and

Refer to Mr. Bellfield

to me

J.R.

1/VI

~~Mr. Read~~ Sir G. F. Fisher

I have read these papers and discussed the  
subject with Sir P. G. G.

1. I gather that any certain portions of the area of this concession are likely to be of real value to the proprietors and that ~~the~~ is so intermingled with scattered native holdings of unascertained dimensions that it would be very risky for Government to take the responsibility of allowing a block of 2000 acres until native rights have been stated.
2. I think the preferable course will be to inform Lord Waterman that Govt is not so prepared to make the allotment suggested but that there is no objection to his making selection himself of a block of land within the conceded area of such size as may satisfy the initial requirements of his Company on the understanding that he and his friends accept all responsibility in respect of possible interference with native rights so eventually to be ascertained.
3. It is more probable that advantage will be taken of such an offer but his further proceedings; particularly even the abandonment of the concession, would be no great disaster and I think our attitude should be to make no more until the rights have been definitely fixed by his survey and survey.

So proceed!

J.R.  
10/VI

Feb.

12/8  
to office

10/8



758-

44, Hans Mansions,

S. W.

May 24th 1912.

A. O.  
10007  
100

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of December 10th and mine in reply and your further letter dated February 2nd, which only reached me a few days ago, I have now had an opportunity of consulting with my colleagues.

In answer, I wish to say that we are perfectly agreeable to send out an expert to select the 2,000 Acres and to start work immediately, but from your letters we realise that even if we do incur the expenditure and do make a selection of Land, that we shall have no guarantee of tenure in view of the claims that might immediately arise on the part of the natives. The course, therefore, proposed seems to us hardly a desirable one if the Government do not feel that they can give us the minimum of 2,000 Acres unencumbered now towards the 100,000 Acres of our Concession.

I would ask whether it would perhaps suit the Government just as well, should we be agreeable to exercise further patience, to wait until the Government Survey has been further advanced and some assurance can be held out to us that we shall then be allotted the 2,000 Acres for starting operations on

I should like to remind you that the no reason

The Under Secretary of State, (Contd.) May 24th 1912.

of 2,000 Acres came from you, and my colleagues and myself were ready to accept your proposal. We should, of course, prefer to proceed with the work immediately but it would seem to me and my colleagues most unsatisfactory to expend time and incur heavy payments for a Survey which the Governor himself considers very onerous, only to find in the end that Land which we have specially sent to select for us, is disputed and not available, but rather than run any risks such as your letter of December 15th fore-shadows we consider on the whole that it might be more advisable to wait until the Government is in a position to allot to us a substantial part of the area on which we know there will be no disputant claims. I need hardly add that we are anxious to see the matter brought to a conclusion and to get started but in view of the uncertainty that surrounds the selection of Land we are of opinion that it would be advisable to wait until the Government Survey is further advanced.

I have the honour to be,

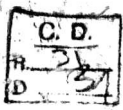
Yours faithfully,

P. S. As I am leaving for the Continent I would thank you to address your reply to me at 507, Salisbury House, E.C.

TO  
THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,  
Colonial Office,  
S. W.

16287 Eas.

760



31 May 1912

Li

directed by the Secretary  
I am etc to transmit

DRAFT.

Li L. P. C. Guinand  
Kang. etc. etc.

MINUTE.

Mr. 15th Jan 1912

Mr. 15th Jan 1912

Mr. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

\*N<sup>o</sup> 38933, 4000,  
16287

W. W. 15 Dec (1892)  
5 Dec (1894)  
20 May (16287)

to you the accompanying

Copy of copy, with land

Walsan relating to the

North Forest Commission.

2 I am to Enquire

whether the first are

in a position to allot to

Lord Walsan 2000 acres,

or a substantial portion of

that in the limits of the Commission

free of public rights,

provided that it is

understood that the

the responsibility  
to the suitability of  
the soil for any particular  
kind of cultivation and  
under the obligations in  
respect of burning

L. 1000

16287 East

761  
15 Aug 1912

Aug 1912

While referring to you

letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> of May

relation to the New

Forest Commission, I am

pleased to inform you that

of the 1st of June  
the project is not at present

prudent to allow you

to see a plan of all

land rights, but that

there is no objection to

your looking into

yourself of a block of

land within the

DRAFT

Had Dabner  
[1007 Salisbury House  
2. 10. 12]

MINUTE

Mr. DABNER 13<sup>th</sup> May

Mr. DABNER 13<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

in 2<sup>nd</sup> session.

19 Aug 1912

16287 + then to  
the off. for info 27] provided and I wish

as near Saturday  
initial arrangements  
the ~~company~~, in his  
understanding that you  
your colleagues  
accept all responsibility  
in respect of possible  
difficulties with relation  
to the 21. Eventually to  
the authorities.  
2. I am to take  
effect that it has  
to be done possible to  
them as far as I wish  
to your file, but the  
matter has been delayed

wrong to the expectation  
of the firm